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PRESS RELEASE

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**VICTIMS IDENTIFIED**  
**IN**  
**FATAL CAR CRASH**

On Sunday, April 16, 2006, at approximately 5:00AM, Fort Lauderdale Police Traffic Homicide Investigators responded to a traffic fatality in the 3500 block of W. Cypress Creek Road.

Upon the arrival of investigators, four vehicle occupants were pronounced dead on scene and an additional three occupants were transported to Broward General Medical Center with injuries ranging from moderate to serious.

On Tuesday, April 18, 2006, the Broward County Medical Examiner's Office confirmed the identities of the four deceased victims.

The occupants in the blue, 2005 Volkswagen Jetta:

Andria Mohini Ramoutar, w/f, dob 10-31-1983, driver, deceased.  
Darrin Nandlal, w/m, dob 10-3-1979, rear passenger, deceased.  
Sarika Dhanmatee Ramlochan, w/f, dob 3-16-1981, front passenger, deceased.  
Ramdeo Sirju, w/m, dob 8-28-1982, rear passenger, deceased.  
Darrel Sookram, w/m, dob 10-1-1982, rear passenger, treated and released.

The occupants in the white, 1993 Acura Integra:

Jonathan C. Matthews, b/m, dob 1-19-1987, driver, treated and released.  
Bryan Escoffery, b/m, dob 12-30-1988, front passenger, treated and released.

Although positive identification of the victims has been made, cause of death is still pending.

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The investigation into the crash is on-going and may take several months to complete. Preliminary information revealed that the Acura was stopped at the red light on W. Cypress Creek Road at the intersection of N.W. 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The Volkswagen was directly next to the Acura. The witness, a Broward County Sheriff's Deputy, was behind the Volkswagen.

When the light turned green, both the Volkswagen and the Acura began to travel westbound and continued to accelerate at a high rate of speed. The vehicles continued to travel at over approximately 90 miles per hour and the deputy lost sight of them. Upon rounding the corner, the deputy observed the Volkswagen on fire with one of the passenger ejected, and observed the Acura with both occupants out of the vehicle.

The four victims were pronounced dead at the scene and the three remaining victims were transported and treated at Broward General Medical Center. Matthews and Escoffery were released late Sunday, April 16, 2006 and Sookram was released Tuesday evening, April 18, 2006.

Anyone who may have information regarding this traffic crash is strongly encouraged to contact Traffic Homicide Investigator Barbara Urow at (954) 828-5125.



Andria Mohini Ramoutar

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